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CONSERVATIVE UNION NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
This body pursuant to adjournment meets at
Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Wed-
nesday next.

We trust the meeting will be a full one.

We trust especially that all the members of

the committee from Kentucky will be present,

and that they will be accompanied by as many

other conservative Unionists of the State

as can attend. We are assured that the sound

part of our delegation in Congress will attend

the meeting, and we presume that the sound

parts of the other "border" delegations in Con-

gress will do likewise. We trust so. It is

certainly important that they should.

The business of the committee, as will be remem-
bered, is to take into consideration the several

methods which have been or may be pro-
posed for the consolidation of the conserva-
tives of the country in the next Presidential

election, including the particular method rec-
ommended to the committee by the advisory

meeting of the Conservative Unionists re-
cently held in Cincinnati. It is very obvious,

in the consideration of this problem, the infor-
mation and counsel of the Conservative

Unionists in Congress will be of signal

value. Indeed, the developments of the last

fortnight, as seen from the peculiarly ad-
vantageous stand-point of such Congressmen,

must constitute a decided if not the controlling

element in any wise solution of the prob-
lem. We accordingly deem their attendance

of the first importance.

"Another period of inaction is upon us," say the military critics in civil life, re-
ferring to the pause in the progress of Grant and

the army of the Cumberland. Such criticism is

all too common with our people, and the

would-be Jemini show their ignorance of

military science and of the chief necessities for

pushing forward a campaign whenever they

attempt to write or talk about strategy or

tactics. In point of fact, Gen. Grant must be

regarded as having just possessed himself of

Chattanooga after nearly three months of per-
sistent effort. From the middle of September,

when Bragg, reinforced by Longstreet, at-
tempted to prevent the concentration of the

corps of McCook and Thomas upon the corps

of Crittenden, and thus brought on the battles

of the 19th and 20th upon the Chickamauga,

until the enemy was dislodged from Lookout

Mountain and driven back from their men-
acing positions before Chattanooga, that place

cannot be considered as an available pos-
session. Its only importance is as a base of

supplies for an advance upon Rome and

Atlanta, and thence it was unavailable

until the entire line of communication be-
tween it and Nashville by the way of the rail-
road, with the aid of the river, was completely

opened. That has been effected, and now be-
fore the smoke of the battle has carried away

from Lookout Mountain or the first extra days'

ratios can possibly have been received at the

new base, we hear the querulous remark that

"another period of inaction is upon us."

As we understand the theory of the campaign de-
signed by Rosecrans, and carried out by

Grant and Burnside, it was to drive the rebels

out of Middle and Eastern Tennessee, and to

keep them out so that they could not winter

there or derive any commissary or quarter-
master stores from the region which was last

year confessedly the main reliance of the Con-
federacy for all the supplies it could get.

This also has been accomplished; Grant at Chattanooga and Burnside at Knoxville have stood with

the flaming sword to guard the ingress to this

much-coveted Eden, and the rebels have

looked longingly but vainly at its rich and

varied productions. In a strictly military point

of view, the work has been accomplished, and

the campaign might close with all honor to

the Army of the Cumberland.

But "inaction" is not the policy of Grant, and, though the rigors of winter are begin-
ning to be experienced by his men, he will

not hesitate to take the field again in force as

soon as the necessary preparations for an ad-
vance can be made. But these preparations

involve an amount of labor which no one can

realize who has not been an eye-witness to the

forwarding of supplies for the use of a

large army. Every pound of that is con-
sumed by man or beast, all ammunition and

ordnance stores, must be collected at Chatta-
nooga, and all necessary preparations made

to forward it with the advance of the army,

before any one has a right to dream of "in-
action."

How much time these indispensable pre-
parations will require, we do not know.

But if any one desires to make an approxi-
mate guess of the labor incident thereto, let

him imagine that he has under his care and

control the entire population resident for ten

miles around the Falls of the Ohio, to clothe

and feed them, and support them for an indefinite

length of time, and that all should commence

their migration Southerly, and that, he then

must have the additional charge of providing

transportation for everything as they advance,

hospitals for the sick, and vehicles for those

who give out on the march, and he will then have

a very faint idea of the work to be done in

anticipation between those pauses in more ac-
tive operations, which our sagacious civil criti-
cics regard as "inactive."

Those who have

been the brawlers for active advances have

been reversed for nearly all the reverses to the

Union arms during the rebellion, for they

have induced Generals to enter upon cam-
paigns for which they were not prepared.

The true secret of the undeviating success of

Gen. Grant is that he brooks no interference

with his plans, and takes his own good time

to prepare and mature them. If there were

less fault-finding and carking criticism, there

would be more skillful operations on the part

of our military leaders. The "inaction" of

Gen. Grant is very much like the crouching

of a lion before it makes the fatal spring, and

when he does advance it will doubtless be

with terrible and triumphant effect.

Mr. Lincoln in his proclamation, after

receiving and published, occasionally, pieces of

poetry from a sweet little girl, then about ten

years old. We thought and said that they

were prodigies of young genius. We predicted

for her a great fame. We knew that she

would make good our prophecy.

Our little friend, now grown into young

womanhood, has published a book—a book of

poetry and tales. She has published it, not

for her own sake, but to serve the suffering

poor of our city.

Those who purchase the book will

read beautiful pages and at the same time be

swed with sweet charity.

We hope that we shall not be thought vain

for copying elsewhere the sweet preface of

Myrtle's Poems and Sketches.

The conservative journals in all parts

of the country are contrasting the doctrine of

Government with the inaugural address with

President Lincoln's plan of reconstruction, of

course to the utter disgrace and demolition of

the latter. The two indecisive responses

are the conservative and the radical plat-
forms in the opening Presidential canvass.

On the one is inscribed "Reconstruction"

in letters of living light; while on the other

"Reconstruction" is written with a pencil

dipped in blood. Let the friends of the

Union choose on which they will stand.

In a recent editorial, "Forces Greely" declared that New

York was not a decent place to live in." We

believe it is universally conceded that Mr.

Greely has done as much as any other single

individual to make New York what it is.

An administration paper says: "The

simplicity of the President's plan of recon-
struction is one of its highest recommendations."

Yes, it has "the simplicity" of des-
potism.

Business Property
FOR SALE,

AT

ROCK HAVEN, KY.

THE TRACT OF LAND ON WHICH

ROCK HAVEN is situated contains 100

acres, with the exception of the private

residence of the proprietor.

There is a large

Tavern house, with a large dry goods Store Room

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 3 A. M.

To Army Newsmen,
Division and other Postmasters in the Army of the Cumberland can be supplied with the Journal in
by Brown & Co., 45 College Street, and R.
Singleton, postoffice building.

DR. BRECKINRIDGE'S THANKSGIVING Ser-
mon.—We have a few copies left of our
Sister Dr. Breckinridge's sermon,
which can be had ready for mailing.

To DEALERS.—Dealers wishing copies of our
new Year Addresses will please hand in their
orders by the 20th inst. We will furnish them
merely the cost of printing. The Addresses
will be from the hands of some of the finest
men in all our land.

We see from the proceedings of the
Legislature yesterday that an act to incorporate
the "National Union Printing and Pub-
lishing House" of the city of Louisville" was
on the table. We presume the enterprise
is disposed of in the Legislature is the
one which has for its object the
establishment of a radical newspaper in
the city.

ITEMS.—Our Eastern mail failed to arrive
at evening, and, consequently, we were de-
prived of some of our most valuable ex-
changes.

Winter has sent forward its "avant-courier"
to inform the public of its intention to visit
and exhibit for a season. It was extremely
cold yesterday and last night.

Coal is expected to arrive at this point in
large quantities during the coming week, and
we are quite confident that it will be sold at
prices that will enable the poor to lay in a
supply for the winter.

DR. UNDERWOOD, oculist and artist, was
arrested in the city, and is stopping at the U.
S. Hotel.

GRATE CRUSHER.—Sister SHAWNEE!—J. M.
Anderson, on Main street, Rock Hill, has
brought to the National's, his immense stock of warm Clothing
for Boys, while many wealthy men's children
are suffering with cold; too bad. Men
may also get comfortable outfitts at this
establishment.

SECOND KENTUCKY HEAVY ARTILLERY.—
Mr. J. M. Morris, who has been in the army
for more than a year, and is a member of the
company for this regiment, and is prepared to
supply his new recruits immediately with every-
thing needful. He has his headquarters in
the camp of the 28th Kentucky, near Bow-
ling Green.

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The latest curiosity that has turned up in
a place is a negro of strong rebel procliv-
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